



Cox Green Newsletter



Newsletter 21st - 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our students were delighted to welcome Mallory Franklin, a celebrated British Athlete, to the school for a Q&A and game of Dodgeball! You can read more about her visit on page 7, and we would like to thank Dreams company for making the visit possible for our students.



We held our Personal Development sessions for all year groups on Monday. Year 7 discussed tolerance and liberty, as part of the British Values topic. Year 8 identified online scams, as part of 'Staying Safe Online', and Year 9 learned about employment laws. Year 10 considered the risks of gambling, and Year 11 discussed healthy relationships. In the week commencing 11th November, we will be raising awareness about bullying and our students will take part in the national campaign 'Anti Bullying Week'. Amongst a number of other activities planned, we are looking forward to hosting 'Odd Socks Day' where students (and staff!) will be encouraged to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November, a national event to raise awareness.

As our term draws to a close, I would like to congratulate all students of all year groups for their fantastic start to the academic year and all of their hard work so far. It has been incredible this week to see so many students individually recognised for their achievements. Every achievement, no matter how big or small, has a positive impact and this edition of the newsletter is testament to the number of students who all individually and positively contribute to our community. All of us at Cox Green School look forward to another successful term next month and we all wish you all a safe, restful Half Term holiday.

Best wishes,
Mr Edwards, Headteacher.

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 1

Monday 4th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for staff and students
Tuesday 5th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Term (all year groups)
Wednesday 6th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTFA Committee (8.30am) - all welcome to attend
Thursday 7th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Friday 8th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Service (all year groups) Sports Committee Meeting (Break 1 - C14)



Please note the school will be closed from Friday 25th October to Monday 4th November 2024 for the holidays.

The school will re-open for all year groups on Tuesday 5th November 2024. Stay safe and have a well deserved break!



Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



Year 7



Amelia Martindale-Prater, Hudson James, Ava Mitton, Amelia Khan, Jonny Atallah and Maddison O'Neill

Nominated for producing fantastic work in Art.

Kelsie-Mai Ridgwell

Nominated for her resilience.



Year 9



Lewis Baker

Nominated for brilliant work in a recent History assessment. Well done!

Jude Perry and Oliver Rutter

Nominated for outstanding effort in the bleep test.

Zubair Badhwal

Nominated for fantastic work in RS.



Year 8



Layla Stock

Nominated for excellent interpretation of drawings and measuring accurately in Art.

Theodore Tan

Nominated by Mr Morris for brilliant work in Maths.

Hugo Gray, Holly Darlington, Amrita Sihra, Seara Siju, Dexter Leonard, Phoebe Clarkson, Daisy Holland, Ella Aviss, Bobby Collins, Sol Compton, Alexia Pacu, Lily Rippen, Laura Ackroyd, Josephine Squire, Sophie Horwood, Tommy Heath, Lorenzo Busseni, Dara Benson and Rusna Johal

Nominated for fantastic work in Art this week. Well done!

Owen Allen

Nominated for being the 'top scientist' in the group in Science. Well done!

Lucy Leipiner, Liam Bankhead, Kian Collins and Olivier Kakareko

Nominated for effort and commitment in English



Year 10



Adam Partridge

Nominated for amazing effort in French Class.

Charlie Lawrence

Nominated for kindness towards a younger student.

Jayden Dennison

Nominated for effort and commitment in English.



Year 11



Mia Howse and Ruby Lant

Nominated for making excellent progress in Health and Social Care.



Sixth Form



Delfina Darritchon

Nominated for making a fantastic start to the term. Well done!

Sixth Form News



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 14th November 2024

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Head of Sixth Form Talk:
6:15pm

Study Ready, Work Ready, Life Ready
<https://www.coxgreen.com>

In their assemblies this week, Year 10 and 11 have been visited by Mr Burrows, who has spoken about Cox Green Sixth Form and post 16 options. Mr Burrows talked through the three different pathways available to the students and provided an overview of the subject choices. Cox Green School presents a unique offer to all our students. It is the only local Sixth Form where you can study all three Science A Levels alongside one another, and one of the only in the borough to offer highly regarded courses such as Philosophy, and Government and Politics. Vitality, Cox Green is one of the few Sixth Form centres that offer students the option to choose a blended pathway for their post 16 study; where students can choose a mix of A-Level and BTEC options to make up their course, which importantly, for some students offers the chance to pursue coaching opportunities at the Sports Academy alongside their A-Level options.

Our Sixth Form prospectus is now live on the website and you can view the options and courses available for 2025 entry. The Sixth Form page also has student profiles where you can hear from our current and past students about life and opportunities in Year 12 & 13!

All students in Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria and demonstrate commitment to their academic work are entitled to a place in the Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form team would like to invite all of our Year 11 students and their families to join us for the Sixth Form Open Evening on **Thursday 14th November 2024**.

Even if your child is still considering their options for post 16 study, we would warmly welcome all students to attend the event to meet the staff, learn more about the subjects and qualifications offered and have the opportunity to ask any questions! We also welcome external applications and details of how to apply can be found on our website. To attend the Open Evening, you do not need to pre-register and parking is available onsite.

Key Dates

Thursday 14th November 2024: Sixth Form applications open

Sunday 23rd February 2025: Deadline for applications

Monday 3rd March 2025: Internal admission interviews start

Thursday 6th March 2025: External interview evening

Wednesday 25th June 2025: Sixth Form Induction Day

Please note that Enrolment interviews will be held on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd August 2025





Reminder for Reporting Student Absence

It is imperative that parents and carers contact the school by 8.00am if their child is unwell and unable to attend school, on each day of absence. This also involves lateness to school. Please leave a message on the attendance line 01628 629415 or send an email to enquiries@coxgreen.com.

For any absences that we have not received a reason for within a reasonable timeframe, the Attendance Officer will proceed to call all contacts that we hold on the child's record. For safeguarding purposes, if we have not managed to make contact, then a member of staff will visit home to ensure the welfare of the child.

Unexcused Absences (recorded as unauthorised absence on your child's record):

- Oversleeping (for example due to alarm failure)
- Arriving to school more than 10 minutes after the bell without an acceptable reason
- Leaving school earlier than 10 minutes before the bell without an acceptable reason
- Personal grooming appointments (for example, a hair appointment)
- Shopping or similar personal errands
- Needed at home (for example, babysitting)
- Car trouble
- Missing the bus, train or other mode of transport to school
- Needing to sleep or to rest



Remembrance Service Friday 8th November

We will be holding our Remembrance Service on Friday 8th November 2024. Poppies are now available in reception for students to purchase. Cash and online payments via sQuid will be accepted.

Please find the timings for the service below. Students will be expected to be in full uniform with their blazer and tie.

- 10.50am: Bell will go and students assemble around Quad
- 10.55am -11.00am: Reading and the last post will play
- 11:00am: 2 Minutes Silence



FLU VACCINATION Friday 13th December Years 7—11

Please ensure you complete the online consent form using the below link:

<https://cgss.co/flu>

This must be completed stating consent as Yes or No.



PTFA Committee Meeting Wednesday 6th November 2024 8:30am—9:30am

Meeting to be held in person at Cox Green School

The PTFA would like to invite all parents and carers to join for the first committee meeting of the year.

Agenda:

- Approval of AGM Minutes
- Appointment of Signatories
- Discussion of Fundraising Commitments for Term 2

Please contact PTFA@coxgreen.com if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you there!



Notices

Have a safe Diwali



Only use fireworks that are suitable for the space you have



If using candles keep them in a candle holder well out of reach of children and pets



Traditional outfits can be highly flammable so stay well away from open flames



If clothing does catch fire remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL

capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)



Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark



Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"



Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources



[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

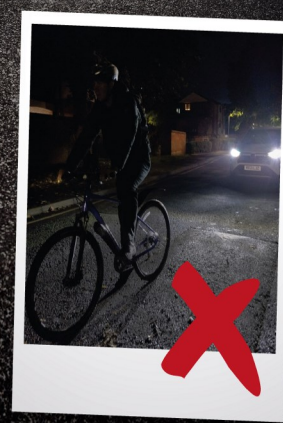
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NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T



Don't be a disappearing act this winter



Your bike should have:

- a white light on the front, with a white reflector
- a red light on the back, with a red reflector
- amber reflectors on each pedal (spoke reflectors also helpful)

Wearing bright, high vis and reflective clothing will make you more visible on the road

More info



[shg.fyi/WMUGTC](https://www.shg.fyi/WMUGTC)

It is a legal requirement to make sure you ride with the correct lights when it is dark

Art Department: Christmas Cards

Thank you to all the students who entered the Cox Green Christmas Card Competition, there were almost 600 entries! Every student who submitted a Christmas card by the deadline now has the opportunity to order their designs from www.apfsorders.co.uk. All Christmas card designs will be given back to students in Art lessons next week, as students will need the QR code on the back of their designs to order their cards. The online shop is now open, and all orders must be placed by **midnight on Friday 8th of November**. The estimated dispatch date of cards to school, ready for students to collect, is 22nd November. The Art Department will aim to distribute these in Art lessons, however, should you wish to collect your cards sooner please come to the Art studios during break 1 or afterschool. **Winners will be announced in December!**

★ **Year 7:** ★

Ayomide Afolayan
 Thomas Golding
 George Hickey
 Imogen Naylor-Hagger
 Jack Strawson
 Abi Arun
 Oliver Davies
 Laila Nancy
 Tahlia Taylor
 Sonam Panesar
 Robert Reeves
 Pavan Boyal
 Janikah Choji
 Charlotte Compton
 Jessica Floyd
 Noah Salamut
 Zak Shah
 Aleksandra Kolczyk

Sparx Maths

Congratulations to Maths sets 7C/Ma2, 8C/Ma1, 9C/Ma1 and 10Z/Ma1 who were the highest performing classes for Sparx this term!

The Maths Department are using Sparx Maths for all the compulsory homework for KS3 & KS4. All students can access the Sparx website using their school email account and password. If your child has any issues logging on, please ask them to see their Maths teacher or Mr Morris at break times.

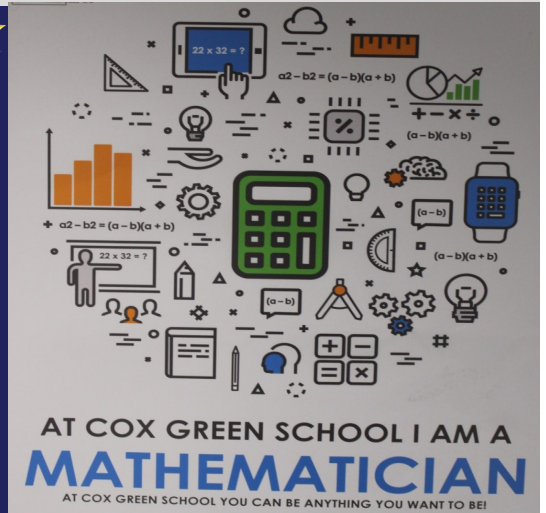
The Maths Department would also like to congratulate the below students who have achieved 100% on their Sparx homework for this term. Well done all!

★ **Year 8:** ★

Lauren Ackroyd
 Isabelle Alderman
 Oscar Clarke
 Kian Collins
 Sol Compton
 Sonny Culora
 Samuel Dolphin
 Grace Herrod
 James Moxom
 Bishan Obhi
 Alexia Pascu
 Lily Rippen
 Molly Silezin-Olszowy
 Josephine Squire
 Amelie Strickland
 Jack Williams
 Lorenzo Busseni
 Daisy Holloway
 Amber Martindale-Prater
 Maddison McGuire
 Charlie O'Connor
 Joshua Palmer
 Grace Woods
 Charlie Boore
 Sofia D'Orazio
 Dylan Hing
 Andreea Nemtanu
 Oscar Oldham
 Harrison Walton
 Miley Harper
 Michael Taylor

★ **Year 9:** ★

Millie Aujla
 Lewis Baker
 Isabelle Baldacchino
 Timothy Chan
 Eloise Duggal Jeanson De Damoiseau
 Liam Ford
 Bethan Gardhouse
 Sam Garside
 Cameron Hart
 Ceyon Li
 Tommy O'Dowd
 Oliver Rutter
 Joshua Santacaterina
 Wariyam Sekhon
 Olivia Byrne
 Christian Coope
 Jasmine Holwell
 Phoebe Lant
 Ruby Reilly
 Erin Callaghan



★ **Year 10:** ★

Ian Balfe
 Millie Blanchard
 Marcos Dunlop
 Mayar Jabbar
 Olivia Kociuba
 Adam Partridge
 Jessica Shaw
 Samuel Walker
 Eliza Holland
 Rowan Hughes
 Joseph Subrai-Harmon
 Grace Watkins
 Summer Adaway
 Brodie Allen
 Mia Keating
 Venus Owusu
 Tyler Connor-Beresford
 Grace Gealy
 Lewis Harper

Half Term Competition

Can you win the Maths Challenge? Visit <https://cgss.co/mathschallenge> to enter the Half Term Competition and submit your answers to Mr Morris by Wednesday 6th November for a chance to win!



Student News

Year 7 Netball

Last week saw our Year 7 Netball Teams attend their first tournament at Furze Platt School. This was the first time the students had played together in a competitive league. Miss Beech was so impressed with their conduct both on and off court and how they promoted the school values by supporting and encouraging one another.

We look forward to seeing how they progress throughout the season. If your child would like to be involved in Netball Club, students can come every Monday until 4pm, regardless of experience.

Online Safety Talk - Monday 21st October 2024

On Monday, we were lucky enough to hear about the important topic of online safety from Paul Hay, a local internet safety expert. Paul has been speaking in schools in the local area for a number of years, and spoke to our students about a number of ways they could help to keep themselves safe. Paul showed us how easily a young person's home could be located using the images she had shared, and also talked about setting our privacy settings and checking our friends lists carefully. Thank you to everyone who attended our afternoon event for parents, where Mr Hay also shared his expertise. Parents were able to hear his tips and advice as well, followed by information on our processes to deal with bullying and a brief introduction to key staff involved in safeguarding at Cox Green. The presentation will be shared online soon, and a link to access it will be sent to all parents.



Year 8 Food Technology:

Our Year 8 students enjoyed making fresh pasta and experimenting with different shapes!

Mallory Franklin Visit - Wednesday 23rd October 2024

On Wednesday our students were delighted to welcome Mallory Franklin, one of Great Britain's most successful female canoeists. In partnership with Dreams, Mallory joined our Year 8 students for a game of dodgeball, which our students enthusiastically took part in. Our GCSE PE students and Junior Leadership team then met with Mallory in the theatre for a Q&A session about Mallory's experience in the Paris and Tokyo Olympics.



Sports Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Monday 14th October 2024	Basketball	U16 Boys	St. Bernard's	AWAY	15.45	League	L 31-43
Tuesday 15th October 2024	Basketball	U19 Boys	St. Bernard's	AWAY	15.45	League	Lost
Wednesday 16th October 2024	Netball	Y7 Girls	Furze Platt League	AWAY	16.00	League	TBA
Monday 21st October 2024	Basketball	U14 Boys	St. Bernard's	HOME	15.45	League	L 49-50
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	Basketball	U16 Boys	Charters	AWAY	16.00	League	Cancelled

Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Wednesday 6th November 2024	Basketball	U19 Boys	LVS Ascot	AWAY	15.00	League
Monday 11th November 2024	Basketball	U19 Boys	Maiden Erlegh	HOME	15.45	League
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Football	Y9 Boys	Charters	AWAY	14.45	National Cup
Wednesday 13th November 2024	Netball	Y8 Girls - A Team	Furze Platt League	AWAY	16.00	League
	Football	Y7 Boys	Thamesmead	HOME	15.30	National Cup
Thursday 14th November 2024	Basketball	U14 Boys	LVS Ascot	AWAY	15.45	League
	Basketball	U16 Boys	Holyport College	HOME	16.00	League

U14 Boys Basketball

The under-14 Boys basketball team played St. Bernard's school in what turned out to be a very exciting game! At the end of the first quarter, we faced a 20-point deficit, however the team were resilient and improved their play throughout the remainder of the game. Guy T led the points scoring, whilst Nhat N played some excellent defence against their star player. As the team grew in confidence, St Bernard's lead shrank and we trailed by just 9 points going into the 4th quarter. Some excellent team basketball with Jamie G and Zubair B passing well, created some easy scores, which meant we took the lead with around 4 minutes left to play! Unfortunately St. Bernard's managed to re-take the lead and despite our best efforts, the final score was 49-50 in St. Bernard's favour. Nevertheless, the team should be very proud of their tenacity and the fact they fought back from being so far behind. Their improvement throughout the game was great to see and we look forward to future matches!



Mr Edwards would like to congratulate Hayley in Year 9 for her recent sporting achievements. Hayley was invited to the Wargrave CCs awards evening and was thrilled to receive the Red Cap Top Bowler's award for the season and Bowler of the year 2024. This was Hayley's first season of outdoor cricket and she was honoured as the youngest player for the Wargrave CC first ladies team. Well done Hayley!